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Applicant: Ronald R. Stephens Examiner: Dao Linda Phan Serial No.: 10/632,354 Art Unit: 3662 Filed: July 31, 2003 Our Ref: B-3757DIV3 621036-0 For: "METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR November 19, 2003 Date: PASSIVE OPTICAL EXTRACTION OF SIGNALS" Re: Preliminary Amendment

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted prior to mailing of a first Office Action. Preliminary to examining the Application, please enter the following amendments.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.